

# SAINT XAVIER CHURCH JESUIT

*Inward Reflection. Outward Action.*



1st Sunday of Advent

December 1, 2024



## WELCOME TO ST. XAVIER

Registered historic site founded in 1819  
Apostolate of the Jesuit Fathers since 1845  
*Ad Majorem Dei Gloriam*

Pastor: Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
Associate Pastor: Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
Associate Pastor: Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

### PARISH STAFF

Sam Aberle      Bennie Barnard  
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Trevor Kroeger      Diane Roden  
Sr. Whitney Schieltz      Tim Severyn

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## MASS INTENTIONS

December 2 – December 7

MON	6:00	+	Elmer Schlueter (Birth.)
2		+	Lynn Johnson
	11:30	+	Margo Ackerman
		+	Anna & Simon Fernandes
TUES	6:00	SI	Nathan Osuagwu
3	11:30	+	Kevin England
		+	Willis Whitaker
WED	6:00	+	Mary Helen Dyer
4	11:30	+	Joann Weber (Birth.)
		+	Matthew & Francis Rodriques
THU	6:00	+	William J. Doud, Jr.
5	11:30	+	Whitaker, Franks, and Shakelford Families
FRI	6:00	+	Tom & Mary Donnelly
6	11:30	+	Charles M. Barrett, Christine Finn Barrett, & Angie Barrett Eynon
SAT	7:00	+	William M. O'Brien (50th Annv.)
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## MUSIC

### Opening:

Christ, Be Our Light #590

**Kyrie: #169**

### Responsorial Psalm 25:

To you, O Lord, I lift my soul, to you  
I lift my soul #993

### Mass Parts:

#194, 198, 200, 202, 204

### Offertory:

Maranatha, Lord Messiah #397

### Closing:

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel #325

Jeremiah 33:14-16  
1 Thesalonians 3:12—4:2  
Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Art: *Christ the Redeemer*  
*Rio de Janeiro, Brazil*  
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## MASS SCHEDULE

### Weekend Masses

Saturday  
4 PM

Sunday

7 AM, 9 AM, 10:30 AM, 5 PM

### Weekday Masses

Monday - Friday  
6 AM, 11:30 AM

Saturday  
7 AM

### Confessions

Monday - Friday  
Noon to 1 PM

Saturday  
11 AM to Noon

## Midday Masterpieces: Sacred Topics in Religious Art

This Advent, enjoy the beautiful Nativity story from the perspective of St. Joseph in art. As the spouse of the Virgin Mary and the foster father of Jesus, he is exemplary in every way, yet he speaks not a word in Scripture. We will explore artists' interpretations of him as everything from a feeble old man to a fit carpenter. Please join Dr. Cecelia Dorger for three consecutive Wednesday lectures featuring prayerful reflections using masterpieces on **December 4, 11, and 18**, immediately following the 11:30 Mass in the Parish Center.

### Advent Retreats

Sign up today for an Advent Retreat! The small groups will convene in multiple locations: Bellarmine Chapel, St. Xavier Church, and parishioners' homes. Scan the QR code to register, or fill out a printed form in the back of church and return it to the parish office. Contact Fr. Jim Ackerman at [jackerman@stxchurch.org](mailto:jackerman@stxchurch.org) or call the parish office for more information.



### Wine & Cheese

Get to know your fellow St. X parishioners! The next wine and cheese gathering will be **Saturday, December 7** in the Parish Center following the 4 PM Mass.



### Christmas Poinsettias

If you would like to purchase poinsettia flowers for someone special, or as a memorial for a loved one, please use the envelopes at the back of church. Or, you can clip this notice and return it with your payment in the collection basket or mail it to the parish office.

Suggested donation: \$10. Thank you!

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## A Time for Hope and Anticipation

As we begin a new liturgical year, the Church invites us to begin our spiritual journey to celebrate Christ's birth and to also open our hearts to the future expectation of His second return in glory. It is a time of optimism, preparation, and hope in God's promise.

In this week's Gospel reading from Luke, Jesus warned his disciples about signs in the heavens and on earth before the Son of Man comes in glory. Jesus does not promise lives without hardships or deliverance from tribulations. Instead, we are told to stay alert and pray for strength to endure and stand before Him. Jesus warns us that we must be prepared by living lives of faith, love, and watchfulness—even while experiencing the anxieties of daily life.

It is easy to get overwhelmed during the hustle and bustle of this time of year. There is pressure in shopping, decorating, planning, and attending Christmas parties and events. We are often challenged by finding just the right gifts for our family and friends—all while staying within budget. However, Advent calls us to stop, introspectively examine our lives, and prayerfully reflect on the true question: *What are we going to give God?*

As we light the first candle on the Advent wreath this Sunday, we are reminded that Advent is more than just counting down to Christmas; it is an invitation to each of us to rekindle and deepen our faith and embody the love and hope that Christ represents in the world. Let this season be a time of reflection, prayer, and a renewed commitment to watch and wait for the coming of Christ. May we be filled with hope as we await the gift of Christ, the light of the world, who comes to transform our hearts, minds, and lives, uniting us in joy and peaceful harmony. I wish you a blessed Advent!

- Tina Ernst  
*Director of Marriage Ministries*

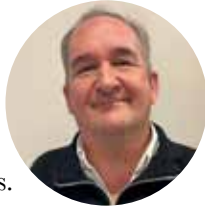


### The Immaculate Conception

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, a holy day of obligation, is **Monday, December 9**. Mass times: 6 AM, 11:30 AM, and 5 PM. The parish office will be closed.

## Thank You, Chris Dole!

We wish our veteran Facilities Manager, Mr. Chris Dole, a Happy Retirement as he steps down from a position that he has held for the past seven and a half years. Chris has done a remarkable job and will be greatly missed. His time here at St. Xavier Church has included overseeing the extensive renovation project that has resulted in our present, beautiful worship space. His robust spirit and can-do attitude have been remarkable gifts to our parish family. Thank you, Chris, for your big heart, deep faith, and indefatigable work ethic. May you now enjoy extensive time with your family—including your beloved grandchildren. Vaya con Dios!



## And Welcome, Mr. Bennie Barnard!

New to St. Xavier Church, Bennie will serve as the new Facilities Manager. He brings extensive experience that has included over 25 years in supervisory maintenance positions. He already has become an active presence in our church community and enjoys riding his trike three-wheeled motorcycle throughout town and country. We wish you well in your new position here. Welcome, Bennie!

## Stewardship Director - Job Opening

The Jesuit Parish Family is hiring a Stewardship Director! This position provides vision and leadership to successfully implement a comprehensive stewardship effort that focuses on education, formation, and promotion of the spirituality of stewardship and stewardship-related activities, inviting parishioners to share their gifts of time, talent, and treasure within the Parish Family and overall life of the Church. To learn more, please visit [www.stxchurch.org/job-opportunities](http://www.stxchurch.org/job-opportunities).

Sunday Collection for November 17	\$6,775
Online Contributions	8,073
<b>Total for November 17</b>	<b>\$14,848</b>

## 2025 Calendars & Collection Envelopes

Calendars and parish collection envelopes are still available in the back of church. If you have an address change, want to begin receiving envelopes, or no longer want to receive envelopes, please call the parish office at 513-721-4045.

## SOCIAL MISSION

### Giving Tree Coming in Advent

Each year we partner with several organizations serving the needs of children, families, and the elderly to bring Christmas cheer to our neighbors. To participate, please take a tag off the Giving Tree in the back of the church, make your purchase as described on the tag, wrap the gift at home (unless otherwise noted) and attach the tag to the gift. The tags are color-coded for each organization and all gifts are due back to St. X no later than **Sunday, December 15**.

### Christmas Cookies for TJM

Transforming Jail Ministries (TJM) is collecting home-baked cookies for inmates and officers as a small way of sharing the love of Christ. The cookies will be distributed to inmates, residents, and staff working in local corrections facilities. If you are interested in making cookies, please bring them to the church or office by **Sunday, December 15**. Thank you!

### Healthy Earth Team Forming

In good times and bad, senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests have dedicated themselves to service and acts of mercy. Today, they pray for an aching world. Yet years of serving for little or no pay have left many religious communities without enough retirement savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious will help provide medications, nursing care, and other necessities. Please be generous on **December 7 and 8**.

### Supporting CISE

Catholic Inner-City Schools Education (CISE) transforms the lives of thousands of Cincinnati children facing poverty by providing a strong faith-based education in a safe, nurturing, and inclusive environment. A donation to CISE-SGO not only opens doors through education and vital services, but also gives Ohio donors a dollar-for-dollar tax credit. Learn more at [CISEKids.org/SGO](http://CISEKids.org/SGO).

Scan the QR to support St. X's ministries:



**Presiders for This Weekend - December 1**

4:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
 7:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
 9:00 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
 10:30 AM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ  
 5:00 PM Fr. Damian Torres-Botello, SJ

**Presiders for Next Weekend - December 8**

4:00 PM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
 7:00 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
 9:00 AM Fr. Paul Lickteig, SJ  
 10:30 AM Fr. James Ackerman, SJ  
 5:00 PM Fr. Jacob Boddicker, SJ

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

- December 3** Feast of St. Xavier - *Parish Office Closed*
- December 4** Midday Masterpieces - Parish Center
- December 6** Men's Group - Parish Center
- December 7** Wine & Cheese - Parish Center
- December 9** Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception
- December 9** The Vigil Project at St. Xavier Church
- December 11** Midday Masterpieces - Parish Center
- December 15** Giving Tree & Christmas Cookies Deadline

*Contact the parish office to learn more.*

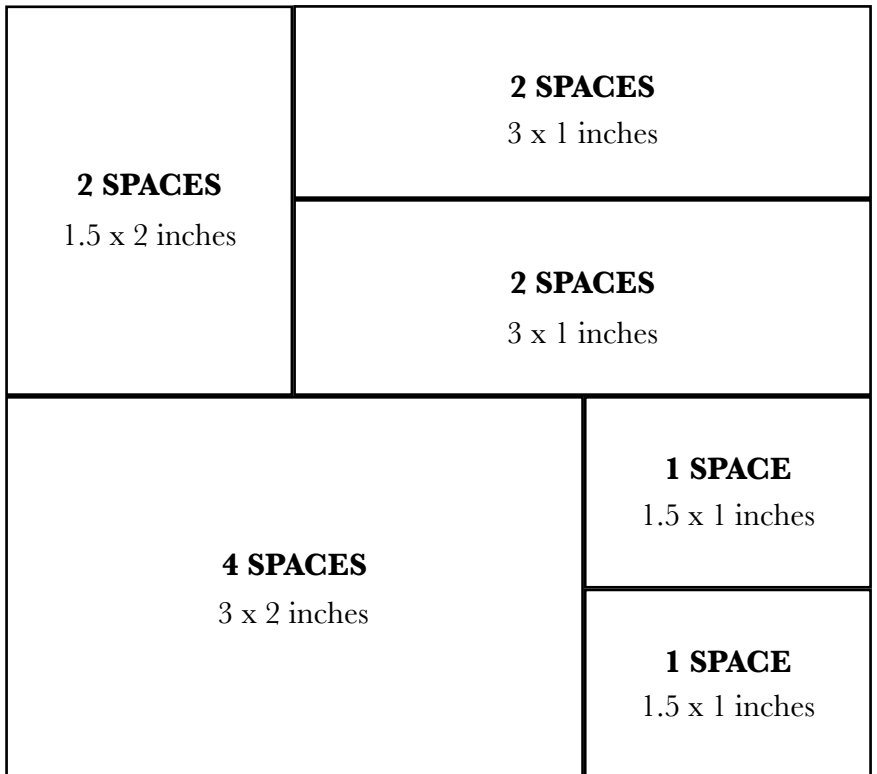
**ST. XAVIER PRAYER MINISTRY** Please offer prayers for the infirmed of our parish.

Susan Anderson, Adelle Eaton, Jeff Krohmer, Wendy Welsh, Phyllis Madix, Les Bunker, Mary Burwinkle, Norma Litherland, Jerry Kastner, James Hogan, James Linhard, Tim, Carol Moore, Frank & Sandy Fieler, Ella Grace Hiltz, Donna Engelhart.

Please call the parish office at 513.721.4045 to add a name to the list.

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# of Spaces	Annual Price
1	\$474
2	\$874
3	\$1304
4	\$1665



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